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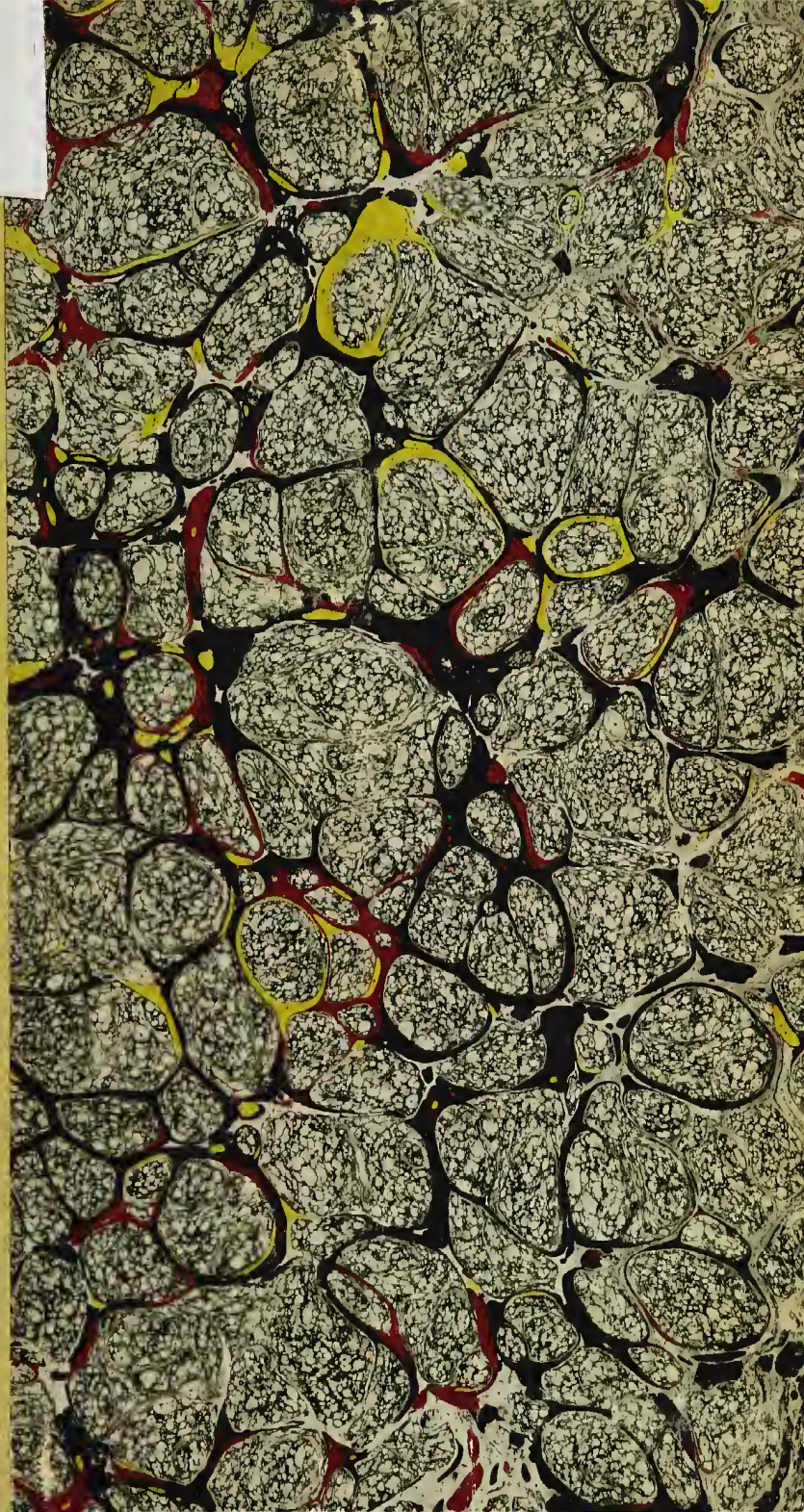

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OF

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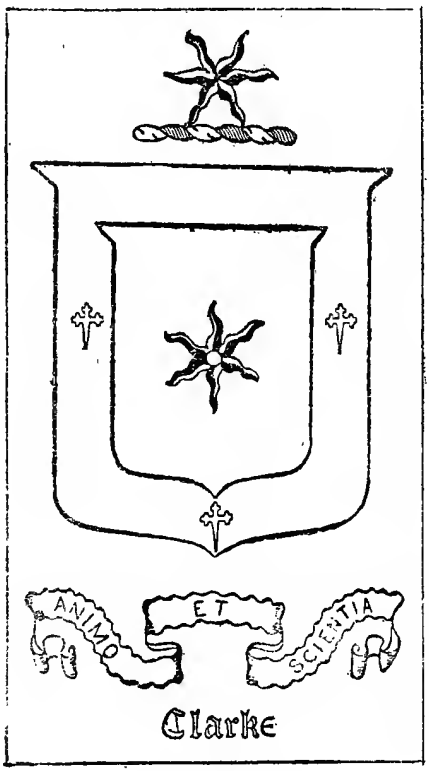
WHO WAS BORN IN SUFFOLK, ENGLAND,

ABOUT A. D. 1600.



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INTRODUCTION.

In undertaking the compilation of a brief history, or genealogy, of this branch of the Clarke family, I have avoided tradition so far as possible, using authentic sources and records as a basis for the work. History concedes the name is of distinguished derivation, originally derived from the word "Clericus," meaning a priest, or those engaged in clerical pursuits and sources of learning, the designation "clerk" being given them, and was pronounced "Clark," the final "e" being added later, probably about the year 1600.

Joseph Clarke was born in Suffolk, England, about 1600 and came to this country in 1632. He settled in Windsor, Connecticut, and served in King Phillips war. We have every reason to believe that he was the founder of our family in this country, and that Rev. Jonas Clarke, of Lexington, Mass., was his grandson and father of Jeremiah Clarke (First).

The Clarkes have worthy records in the Colonial, Revolution, Civil and Spanish-American wars, and have also been prominent in civil and judicial life.

Abraham Clark, a son of Captain David Clark, and cousin of Rev. Jonas, Clarke, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The family boast a coat-of-arms, which reproduced are: A sable, a mullett of six points, pierced, or, within a bordure argent, charged with three cross crosslets fitchee of the field. Crest a mullett of six points, argent. Motto, "Animo et Scientia," "Courage and Skill."

JEREMIAH CLARKE. (FIRST.)

Born in Preston, Connecticut, 1733.

He was in the war of the Revolution, settled on New Hampshire grants in 1767 at West Shaftsbury, Vermont, where he lived fifty years. Was member of first convention of delegates from towns, in July, 1776; major in 1777; was member of first Council of Safety of Vermont, 1778; judge of first court, and member of executive council for years.

Vermont Historical Society, :Vol. I., pages 11, 15, 23, 25. Vermont state papers 257, 266, 277, 553, 555.

He died in Shaftsbury, Vermont, aged 84 years.

He had one brother, Capt. David Clarke, of Plainfield, Connecticut, who fell in the war of the Revolution, Sept. 17th, 1777. See Vermont Gazetteer, Vol. II., Burlington Co., town Shaftsbury, page 236 letters from Myron Clark.

CHILDREN.

James, b. 1757.

Jeremiah (2d), b. 1760 or 1761.

Henry, d. 1800, at Hoosac Falls, N. Y. Children, Myron, b. 1790.

JEREMIAH CLARKE (SECOND).

Born in Preston, Connecticut, 1760 or 1761.

In war of Revolution, with his father, Jeremiah (First), served under Captain Bigelow Lawrence; entered service March 2d, 1778; discharged May 2d, 1778; in service sixty days.

He, Jeremiah (Second), built one of the first houses in Bath, N. Y.

See Renssellaer County Landmarks, by G. B. Anderson, page 553.

He, Jeremiah (Second,) married Sarah Millington in 1780. She was born in 1767; died July 17th, 1845; aged 78 years.

Jeremiah (Second) died at Clarkston, Mich., June 1st, 1845; aged 84 years.

CHILDREN.

Julia, married Eli Cobb.
Amasa, married —— Green.
Lydia, married Nicholas Brown.
Jeremiah (Third,) married Phoebe Holdridge.
Lucy, married —— Johnson.
Susan, married Jeremiah Blair.
Amy, married Oliver Poole.
Hiram.
Henry.
Amos.
Sarah, married Jacob Walter.
Nelson, married Fidelia Wood, Ellen Hulbert.
Sidney.
Ebenezer, married Jemima Bovier, Sarah A. Wood.

NELSON W. CLARK.

Born at Manlius, Onondaga County, N. Y., June 8th, 1808.
Died at Northville, Mich., April 17th, 1876.
Married Fidelia Wood, b. Sept. 27th, 1811; d. Sept. 18th, 1863.
Married Ellen Hulbert, Sept. 20th, 1864.

CHILDREN.

Larietta C., b. Oct. 31st, 1834; d. in infancy.

Dorr, b. March 4th, 1836; d. in infancy.

Mary Ann, b. April 25th, 1838; d. in infancy.

Finette Althea, b. Feb. 17th, 1842; m. H. L. Bower.

Clarence Day, b. Feb. 4th, 1844; m. Francis Brindle; d. Nov. 2d, 1863.

Harriett E., b. Nov. 4th, 1845; m. James T. Morgan and Spencer B. Raynale.

Sussette A., b. Aug. 20th, 1847; d. in infancy.

Frank N., b. Feb. 2d, 1849; m. PrudenceBower.

Cyrus E., b. Aug. 6th, 1852; d. 1859.

Gertrude, daughter of Ellen Hulbert; m. Hiram A. Sober, Nov. 25th, 1892.

Nelson W. Clark was a pioneer in the development of Michigan's resources, merchant, manufacturer, and contractor. Contractor in the rebuilding of the Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., U. S. Govenment Canal in 1859-60, and other public works.

Founder of the great fish culture industry, which was recognized and adopted by the United States Government, and this source of supply of food fish is a monument to his intelligent anticipation of the people's requirements.

FRANK N. CLARK.

Born at Clarkston, Oakland Co., Mich., Feb. 2d, 1849; m. Prudence Bower Dec. 20th, 1871.

CHILDREN.

Clarence Day, b. Clarkston, Oakland Co., Mich., April

11th, 1873; m. Julia Montgomery-Hetzler. Graduated from Literary Department, University of Michigan, June, 1896; degree Ph. B.; took State Bar examination Oct., 1900; is now practicing attorney, Lansing, Mich.

Mabell Grace, b. Northville, Mich., Jan. 7th, 1876; m. Ralph Foster Diserens. She is a graduate of Northville and Ann Arbor high schools.

Seymour Milner, b. May 31st, 1880; d. Jan. 4th, 1885.

Geneveine Prudence, b. Northville, Mich., Aug. 9th, 1886. Graduated from Northville high school June, 1904.

He received his rudimentary and academic education in his native town, finishing his collegiate course at the Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich. He was associated with his father, in the mercantile business, and during this time they began experimenting in the work of fish culture, and in 1874 commenced active work in this line, making it a special study, achieving success and distinction, and in carrying on this great work the subject of this sketch is recognized as one of the best known authorities on fish culture. The results of his work and investigations in this valuable industry have been practicable and of incalculable benefit to the people of all countries. At present, and for some years a resident of Northville, Mich., honored in civil life, and by the Masonic fraternity, in various positions of trust and responsibility. He is superintendent of Michigan stations, United States Fish Commission; in charge of hatching stations located at various points.

HARRIET E. CLARKE.

Born in Clarkston, Oakland Co., Mich., Nov. 14th, 1845; m. James T. Morgan Dec. 4th, 1864. Morgan was Captain in 17th Michigan Infantry, Civil War; d. May 31st, 1865. She married Spencer B. Raynale Dec. 25th, 1866; he died Sept. 26th, 1884.

CHILDREN OF S. B. REYNALE.

Elmer M., b. Sept. 25th, 1867.
George, b. April 7th, 1870; d. June 29th, 1870.

Harriet E. Clarke received her rudimentary and academic education in her native village, finishing her collegiate course at Ypsilanti, Mich. A member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, an active and life-long member of the Universalist Church and prominent in the work.

FINETTE ALTHEA CLARK.

Born at Clarkston, Oakland Co., Mich., February 17th, 1842.

Married Horace Leavenworth Bower at Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12th, 1865.

CHILDREN.

Maud, b. March 3st, 1868. Died in infancy.
Victor Manning, b. at Greenville, Mich., Oct. 14th, 1867; d. April 19th, 1870.
George Conover, b. at Dexter, Mich., Dec. 15th, 1872.
Albert James, b. at Greenville, Mich., Jan. 5th, 1881.

H. L. Bower born in Tompkins Co., N. Y., Aug. 31st, 1839; received his academic education at Ithaca and Cortland, N. Y.; graduated in medicine at the Albany Medical College, Albany, N. Y., 1864, moving to Greenville, Mich., in 1865, where he now resides.

Has, and now holds, positions of trust and responsibility in various medical and other societies.

EBENEZER CLARK.

Born in Manlius, Onondaga County, N. Y., August 6th, 1812.

Died at Michigan Center, Jackson County, Mich., Feb. 7th, 1868, aged 56 years.

Married Jemima Bovier, b. Aug. 28th, 1833, d. Feb. 10th, 1839

CHILDREN.

Henry G., b. Jan. 12th, 1836.

William W., b. Oct. 3d, 1838.

Married Sarah A. Wood March 6th, 1839; b. April 7th, 1819; d. Sherman, Texas, Oct. 8th, 1883.

CHILDREN.

Lafayette W., born. Oct. 24th, 1840.

Sarah A. " Aug 2d. 1842

Jemima L., b. ~~August 2d, 1802.~~ Jan 7th 1844

Phoebe D., b. March 30th, 1846; d. April 7th, 1864.

Charles, b. April 17th, 1848.

Jennie E., b. Nov. 3d, 1850.

Allison G., b. Sept. 3d, 1852; d. Jan. 3d, 1853.

Burdette E., b. Jan. 7th, 1854.

Clarence E., d. Oct. 6th, 1856; d. March 20th, 1873.

Ebenezer Clark and his brother, Nelson W., were superintendent and contractor respectively, in the work of re-building the Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., U. S. Government Canal, in 1859-60. Subsequently prominent in the development of the salt interests of Saginaw Valley, Mich., and oil interests of western Ontario, Canada.

Fidelia and Sarah A. Wood were daughters of Ashel Wood and Alethea Poole, who were married in Sempronius, Cayuga County, N. Y. Alethea Poole was a daughter of Oliver Poole and Sarah Ramsdell, who were married Jan. 13th, 1774. They died at Erieville, N. Y.

The Pooles were of Norman origin, dating from the Norman Conquest, distinguished and honorable, being mentioned in Macauley's History of England (chapter 8).

HENRY G. CLARK.

Born at Clarkston, Oakland County, Mich., Jan. 12th, 1836.
Married Margaret H. Odell, July 1st, 1863.

CHILDREN.

Frank B., b. July 3d, 1864.
Dorr H., b. May 24th, 1866.
George E., b. Dec. 25th, 1867.

Henry G. Clark is a skillful mechanic; was engaged with his father in the rebuilding of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, subsequently following his trade. A member of the Masonic fraternity from early manhood; honored by that order; well educated, honest and industrious.

FRANK B. CLARKE.

Born near Fenton, Genesse County, Mich., July 30, 1864.

Married, Detroit, Mich., July 31, 1888, Frankie Evelyn Wolcott, b. in Farmington Township Oakland County, March 9th, 1864.

CHILDREN.

Marguerite Julia, b. in Cheboygan, Mich., Sept. 15th, 1892.

Frank B. Clarke, the subject of this sketch, resides at Cheboygan, Mich. Was born and reared on a farm near Fenton, Genesee County, Mich., receiving his education in country district schools and high school at Fenton, Mich. Adopted the trade of printer at an early age, which he now follows. Entered the Michigan National Guard in 1887, charter member of Company H, Third Infantry, Cheboygan, Mich., Nov. 16th, 1891; served in several positions in this company until 1896. Served in Cuba, in the Spanish-American war, in Company H, 33d Michigan Volunteer Infantry, General Duffield's Brigade and General Shafter's 5th Army Corps, and was in the battle of Santiago; commissioned 2d lieutenant in Company K, 3d Michigan Infantry, M. N. G., for gallant and efficient service, commission being issued by Governor Hazen S. Pingree, and subsequently promoted to first lieutenant, same company and regiment and commission U. S. Government and Michigan Spanish-American medals presented, and issued by Governor A. T. Bliss.

He was a loyal and enthusiastic soldier, attending all encampments; known and recognized as an expert tactician; honorably discharged from U. S. V. service, and resigned from the Michigan National Guard on account of business duties, holding five non-commissioned officers' warrants and two commissioners of officers. A creditable record of services rendered his state and country.

LAFAYETTE W. CLARKE.

Born in Clarkston, Oakland County, Mich., Oct. 24th, 1840.
Married Helen R. McLellan, Dec. 9th, 1863.

CHILDREN.

Grace C., b. Nov. 2d, 1864.
Burt S., b. Aug. 15th, 1866.
Florence E., b. Oct. 9th, 1870.
Henry N., b. Jan. 31st, 1875.
Nellie I., b. Sept. 9th, 1878.

Lafayette W. Clarke was associated with his father in business in Saginaw Valley 1861-2-3. Enlisted in the 9th Regiment, Michigan Cavalry, June 24th, 1864; second lieutenant Oct. 2d, 1864, and mustered out and honorably discharged at Lexington, N. C. He was detailed in charge of General Kilpatrick's escort and dismounted cavalry on the raid through North Carolina. The subject of this sketch saw active service, being with General Kilpatrick in his various daring raids, and in General W. T. Sherman's command in the historical march from Atlanta to the Sea. Current leading newspapers of his native state commended his work as an efficient officer, and "Michigan in the War" records his bravery as a soldier of the Civil War.

He emigrated to a farm near Brownsville, Saline County, Missouri, in 1866, subsequently moving to near Denison, Texas, where he now resides, and has gained prominence as an agriculturist and politician.

Jemima L. Clark, b. Jan. 7th, 1844.
D. J. Odell, b. Aug. 3d, 1836.
Married January 7th, 1863.

CHILDREN.

Geo. H., now residing in Denison, Texas.

Benjamin R., b. Jan. 18th, 1870.

Mabel C., b. July 12th, 1872; married Rev. Charles E. Stedman, Feb. 15th, 1894.

CHARLES CLARKE.

Born at Clarkston, Oakland County, Mich., April 17th, 1848.

ALICE E. PRITCHARD.

Born at Perry, N. Y., May 26th, 1851.

Married at Fenton, Genesee Co., Mich., Nov. 8th, 1870.

CHILDREN.

George Willis, b. at Fenton, Mich., Jan. 24th, 1873.

Julia Elizabeth, b. at Ovid, Mich., July 27th, 1880.

The subject of this sketch received his education in country schools and high school at Fenton, Mich.

He was in the United States Government service, as clerk in the general transfer department Army of the Cumberland, stationed at Nashville, Tennessee and vicinity 1863-5. Subsequently school teacher in Lincoln County, Missouri. Engaged in the railway service with the Detroit & Milwaukee R. R. at Fenton station, Mich., April 1st, 1872. This railroad, with others, was absorbed by the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

He has been with the above company and its affiliated lines continuously up to the present time (1904) in various capacities, clerical and official; now in charge of freight traffic of all Grand Trunk Railway System lines in Michigan.

Alice E. Pritchard is a daughter of George W. Pritchard and Sarah I. Jillson, who were married at Perry, Wyoming Co., N. Y., August, 1850.

Sarah I. Jillson is a daughter of Samuel H. Jillson and Eliza Jewell, who were married at Cazenovia, N. Y., Feb. 16th, 1823. Both died at Cazenovia, N. Y.

Sarah I. Jillson is a direct descendant of Thomas Jewell, of Braintree, Mass., her grandfather being Oliver Jewell (sixth generation). She, the subject of this sketch, was born at Cazenovia, N. Y., Nov. 23d, 1833.

A noble character, leading a consistent Christian life, amply exemplifying the virtue of ancestry.

BURDETTE E. CLARKE.

Born January 7th, 1854.

Married Katherine E. Parker, Sept. 12th, 1877.

CHILDREN.

Gertrude May, b. Aug. 1st, 1878.
Maude Elford, b. Oct. 21st, 1879.
Nellie Alvord, b. May 23d, 1881.
Lea Jackson, b. Spet. 8th, 1884.
Harry J., b. March 21st, 1887.
Charles Lafayette, b. Nov. 18th, 1889.
Walter Wallace, b. Feb. 6th, 1881.
Ross Hazelwood, b. Jan. 29th, 1884.
Mildred Katherine, b. Oct. 30th, 1905.
Mary A., b. June 3d, 1898.

Burdette E. Clarke was born on a farm near Fenton, Genessee Co., Mich.; educated in the country schools of his native town, moving to Sherman, Texas, early in life, where he now resides.

GEORGE WILLIS CLARKE.

Born at Fenton, Genesee Co., Mich., Jan. 24th, 1873.

VIOLA BELLE HESS.

Born at Liberty, Jackson Co., Mich.
Married at Ann Arbor, Mich., July 25th, 1899.

CHILDREN.

Alice May, b. at Detroit, Mich., May 6th, 1901.

George W. Clarke received his rudimentary and high school education at Ovid, Clinton Co., Mich., graduating in June, 1892. Entered the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, Ann Abror, Mich., the same year, graduating and receiving diploma as a Doctor of Medicine June, 1896, locating and commencing the practice of medicine at Detroit, Mich., Aug. 1st, 1896, and for the past four years professor of clinical obstetrics in the Michigan College of Medicine, Detroit, Mich.

Viola Belle Hess received her early education at Napoleon, Mich., entered the high school at Ann Arbor, Mich., 1892, graduating in 1894; entered University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., Training School for Nurses same year, graduating in 1896.

JULIA ELIZABETH CLARKE.

Born at Ovid, Clinton Co., Mich., July 27th, 1880.

CHARLES ARTHUR BEAN.

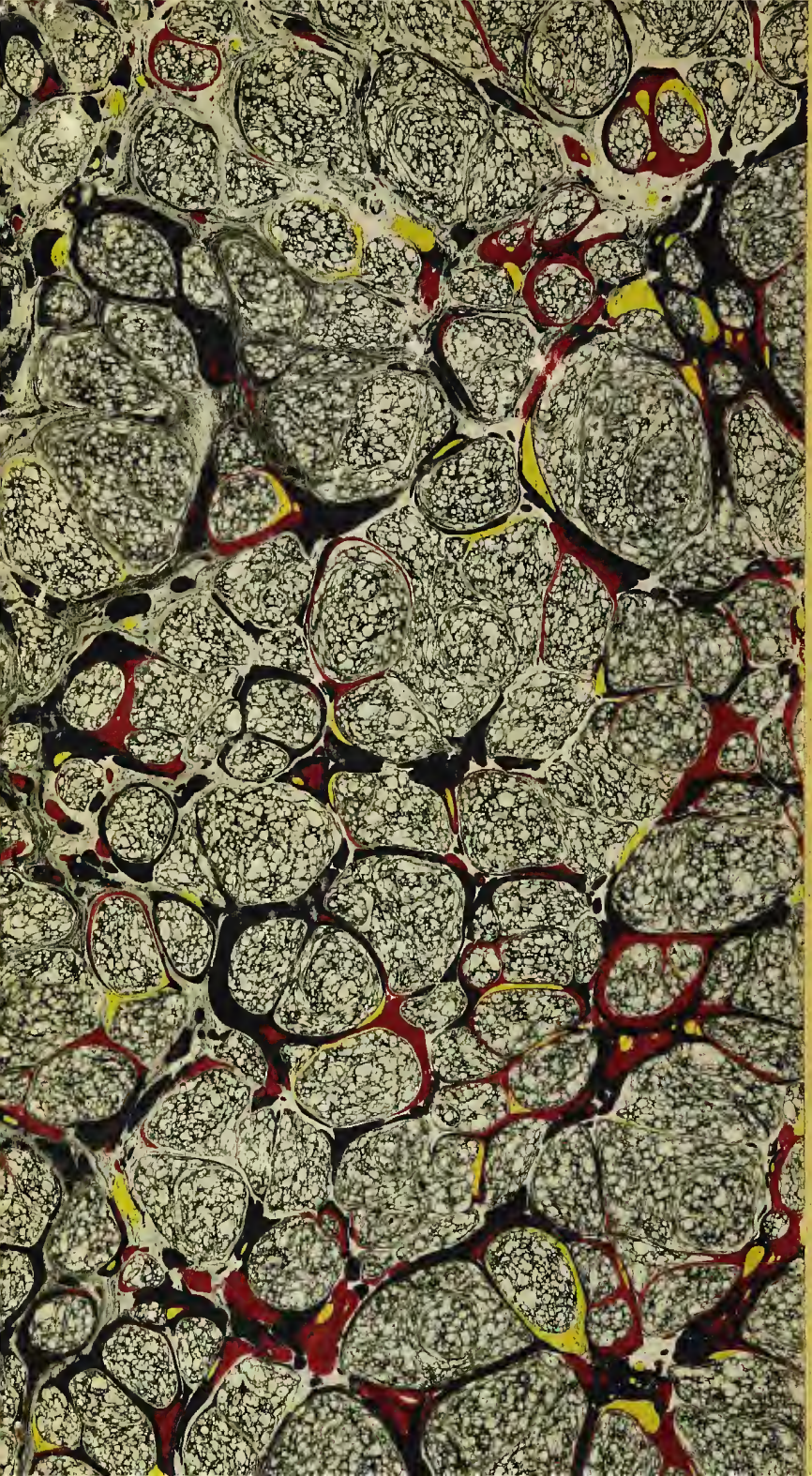
Born at East Aurora, N. Y., Nov. 2d, 1870.

Married at Detroit, Mich., Oct. 29th, 1900.

CHILDREN.

Clarke Arthur, b. at Batavia, N. Y., Nov. 1st, 1901.
Sarah Elizabeth, b. at Batavia, N. Y., Oct. 21st, 1903.

LIFE.

Suffering! and yet majestical in pain;
  Mysterious! yet, like spring-showers in the sun,
Veiling the light with their melodious rain,
  Life is a warp of gloom and glory spun;
Its darkling phases are as clouds that mourn
  Beneath the loftier splendors of an arch
Where deathless orbs in golden daylight burn;
  And God's great pulses beat their music march,
The heaven we worship dimly girt with tears,
  The spirit-heaven, what is it but a life,
Lifting its soul beyond our mortal years
  That oft begin, and ever end with strife:
Strife we must pass to win a happier height,
Nature but travails to reveal us—light.

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